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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: BRIEFING OF FONMIN GENSCHER

FOR AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND

1. PLEASE SEE FONMIN GENSCHER AND GIVE HIM A BRIEFING
ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES ON US ACTIVITIES DURING
CYPRUS CRISIS.
2. FROM THE OUTSET WE HAVE URGED ALL THE PARTIES TO BE
AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE. WE WERE IN CONSTANT TOUCH IN
ATHENS AND IN ANKARA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COUP AND URGED
THAT THE GREEKS, THE TURKS AND THE CYPRIOTS OF BOTH
COMMUNITIES NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT.
3. WHEN THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT ON JULY 19 WE THEN TURNED
OUR ATTENTION TO OBTAINING A CEASE-FIRE WHICH THE FONMIN
WILL REMEMBER WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN ON JULY 22.
4. AT THE FIRST GENEVA MEETING WE WERE ABLE TO HELP AT
A CRUCIAL POINT IN SUGGESTING A CERTAIN COMPROMISE WITH
RESPECT TO PARA 4 OF THE GENEVA DECLARATION OF JULY 30
WHICH RESULTED IN THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THAT

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CONFERENCE.

5. FOLLOWING THE FIRST GENEVA CONFERENCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN VISITED ANKARA, NICOSIA AND ATHENS TO GIVE THEM OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF THOSE COUNTRIES. THIS WAS A USEFUL MISSION SINCE IT PROVIDED US WITH A BETTER INSIGHT AS TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS.

6. WE MADE CLEAR TO THE PARTIES THAT THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC AMERICAN PLAN AND WE ALSO SOUGHT TO GET EACH PARTY TO RAISE ITS SIGHTS TO RECOGNIZE THAT SHORT-TERM GAINS COULD ULTIMATELY HAVE A SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS NOT ONLY OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED BUT OF THE WEST IN GENERAL.

7. AT THE SECOND GENEVA CONFERENCE WE TRIED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN SUPPORTING FONMIN CALLAGHAN'S EFFORTS TO GET THE PARTIES STARTED DISCUSSING THE FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CYPRUS. WE DID WHAT WE COULD IN ANKARA TO PERSUADE THE TURKS TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR THE PRESENTATION OF TURKISH PROPOSALS AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF THEM BY THE OTHER PARTIES.

8. UNFORTUNATELY THE TURKS DID NOT PERMIT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO BE PLAYED OUT AND TURKEY RESUMED ITS MILITARY ACTIONS ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR PUBLICLY BOTH YESTERDAY IN THE STATE DEPT. AND TODAY IN THE WHITE HOUSE OUR DISAPPROVAL OF TURKISH MILITARY ACTIONS AND HAVE CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE. THE SECRETARY WAS IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD WITH BOTH THE GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS. AS A RESULT OF OUR STRENUOUS EFFORTS IN ANKARA THE SECRETARY OBTAINED THE ASSURANCES OF THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 15 THAT TURKISH MILITARY OPERATIONS WOULD CEASE AS OF 12 NOON WASHINGTON TIME AUGUST 16.

10. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO PERSUADE
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THE PARTIES TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND WE INTEND TO DIRECT OUR EFFORTS TO THIS END AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

11. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS THAT PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS IN GREECE HAS AS A RESULT OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS WHICH WAS THE MAKING OF THE PREVIOUS MILITARY REGIME. KARAMANLIS HAS ACTED WITH GREAT STATESMANSHIP.

WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY WE BELIEVE THAT THE SITUATION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND GREATER AUTONOMY PROVIDED. WE CAN UNDERSTAND TURKEY'S LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ON THIS POINT, AS WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT GREECE ALSO HAS LEGITIMATE INTERESTS WHICH MUST BE PROTECTED.

12. WITH REGARD TO THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES, IT HAS BEEN OUR HOPE THAT THEY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE THREE GUARANTOR POWERS WOULD BE ABLE THEMSELVES TO REACH A SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD BE REASONABLE AND LASTING AND WHICH WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE NEW REALITIES IN CYPRUS. OBVIOUSLY A SETTLEMENT WHICH CAN EMERGE FROM THE CONSENSUS OF THE PARTIES IS THE BEST ASSURANCE FOR FUTURE STABILITY. WE ARE PREPARED ACTIVELY TO BE HELPFUL TO THE PARTIES IN THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE HOPE WILL OCCUR WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY. JUST WHEN THESE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IS DIFFICULT TO SAY AT THE MOMENT BUT WITH THE CESSATION OF TURKISH MILITARY ACTIVITIES IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE VERY SHORTLY.

13. WE SHARE GERMAN CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO THE EFFECT OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE ON NATO AND IT HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN OUR EFFORT TO BE AS EVENHANDED AS POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE GREECE AND TURKEY THAT THE LONG RANGE STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS -- THAT IS DENIAL TO THE SOVIETS OF ANY PRETEXT FOR FURTHER MEDDLING IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AREA -- REQUIRED THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM.
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